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TASK FORCE WITH V CORPS' 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION TRAINS IRAQI POLICE IN MARKSMANSHIP SKILLS

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TIKRIT, Iraq – Soldiers from V Corps' Team C, Task Force 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry began training Iraqi National Police officers in basic rifle marksmanship skills here October 25 with assistance from U.S. civilian Vanguard International police advisors. The training focused on teaching the Iraqi officers the fundamentals of handling and firing their weapons.

"This training was well done and much needed by our officers. Clearly the Americans are showing their trust in us by training us," said Capt. Mustafa Ibrahim of the Tikrit Police.

The training should help the Iraqi police better conduct their duties in the city as well as build a stronger sense of unity among Iraqi police and military forces and the U.S.-led coalition.



COURTESY 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION
A Soldier with V Corps' Task Force 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, teaches basic rifle marksmanship skills to an Iraqi National Police officer during training in Tikrit, Iraq October 25.

The Tikrit Police Emergency Services Unit also assisted in conducting training. Task Force 1-18 has had an ongoing relationship with the ESU, and recently trained ESU personnel to assist the Tikrit police in conducting high-risk search warrants and arrests.

Task Force officials said the training program is part of a larger initiative by Task Force 1-18 to reinforce the police in Tikrit. Future plans include the complete renovation of six local police stations, using more than \$800,000 in Commander's Emergency Relief funds. The task force also recently purchased more than \$300,000 worth of handheld radios and surveillance equipment for the police force.

